

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments made to the claims, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 31 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenthal (U.S. Patent No. 5,073,933) in view of Rivest et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,405,829). By the present amendment, claims 31 and 32 have been canceled and therefore Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the rejections of claims 1-27, 29, 30 and 35-41 have been withdrawn, claims 1-27, 29, 30 and 35-41 have been allowed and claims 33 and 34 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter. By the present amendment, each of claims 33 and 34 has been placed in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of prior independent claim 32 from which claims 33 and 34 depended. As claims 33 and 34 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now clearly allowable for at least the reasons set forth by the Examiner on page 12 of the final Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment/response, allowance of all the claims and passage of the application to issue. If the Examiner should have any concerns regarding the allowance of this application, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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